

A stylized, monochromatic illustration of a palm frond in shades of teal and green, centered on a dark teal background. The frond is composed of numerous long, pointed leaflets radiating from a central stem.

**palm
sunday**

Sunday 24th March 2024

10am Oasis– Palm Sunday

This Week

Tuesday 26th March

5:15pm Rainbows
6pm Brownies
7:30pm Guides

Wednesday 27th March

10am Midweek Communion
10am Daytime homegroup
1pm Toddlers
5:30pm Puppets
6pm Brownies
7:30pm Guides

Thursday 28th March

11am Hong Kong group
11am –1:30pm Café
4:30pm Rainbows
5:45pm Brownies
7:15pm Guides

Friday 29th March

10am Good Friday Reflection
11am Walk of Witness

Sunday 31st March

10am Easter Sunday Celebration

Pre-School

Pre-School is open from 8:45am to
3:45pm Mondays, Tuesdays,

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Notices

WOW (women on walks)

Will be going on a country walk on Tuesday 26th March followed by lunch out. Please meet at church at 9.30am.

Men's walking group

Will be going on a country walk on Tuesday 26th March followed by a pub lunch. Please meet in the church car park at 9:30am.

Update on sales of 'Five to Nine' and 'Living the Celtic Way'

Thank you to all those who have bought copies of these books and given me their feedback. The profits of £162.50 (including Gift Aid) have been sent to WaterAid. Some copies of both books are still available. If you are interested in purchasing either at £4.99 each or both at £8.99, please now contact me direct on davidgbagwell@gmail.com. A proof copy of FtN remains in the church foyer, and I will have copies of both with me on the week after Easter when I will be preaching on the set text for that day which, as some of you will know, has a direct link to the conclusion of 'Five to Nine' ! - David Bagwell

Easter Eggs and Coffee!

It's Palm Sunday, so, as from the end of today's service you can delve into the boxes and retrieve an egg and discover who is taking you out for a coffee. Of course someone else will be getting the egg you gave so expect a call from them to arrange your coffee date. Have Fun!

Eco Prayer for this week

Dear Lord, As we look to Earth Hour this Saturday evening, when we turn off our lights in our homes, public buildings, offices etc for an hour, doing something positive for our planet, as well as hoping our results from the big plastic count can make a positive impact in reducing the amount of plastic we use and discard. We know we need to take urgent action to repair our broken world, but we call upon your wisdom and guidance, Lord, to show us what we need to do and where to channel our energies for greater effect.

Prayers

Church family & community

Give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy to worship and witness for Christ. Pray for our Easter services and events, and ourselves as we journey through Holy Week. Pray for the right people to fill vacancies on PCC and for a new Church Warden. Pray for participants on the Alpha course, especially for the Away Day on 23rd. Pray for the sick - for Sue, Eoin, Fiona, Joyce, Adrian, Diane & others and for God's comfort & strength for Marion and her family.

National

Pray for our country and its leaders, for wise and just handling of inflation, migration, racism and the threat posed by Climate Change. Give thanks for Christians in politics; pray they may have influence on Govt policies. Thank God for our NHS and pray for all who work within it. Pray for more action to protect environment - especially for cuts in plastic & fossil fuel use.

Mission Links

Pray for the Fletcher family, currently in UK, preparing to return to Thailand in July; for the Ray family, leading SAFI's work in Arusha, Tanzania. Pray for Kimbilio's team in Lubumbashi - for safety & resources to cope with increasing demands. Pray for LAMB Hospital (Bangladesh) & locally for JAC and for the staff & residents at Yeldall Manor.

Wider World.

Myanmar

The military junta has recently stepped up attacks on civilians, particularly against the Rohingyas. Compulsory army service has been introduced, causing many young people to go into hiding or flee the country. Pray for a return to democracy & for the Church in Myanmar

Mozambique

One year after Cyclone Freddy, the country was recently hit by Storm Filipo, with high winds, rain and flooding. Recovery from Freddy had been slow and summer drought further reduced crop yields; many go hungry. Pray for people in affected communities.

Middle East

Pray for an end to the terrible suffering in Gaza. A quarter of the population face starvation. Give thanks for a first delivery of food via a make-shift sea port; pray for more aid to follow, for hostage release and a cease-fire. Only 12 of Gaza's 36 hospitals are still partly functioning; only 2 offer ante-natal care. Pray especially for Palestinian Christians.

Mongolia

Rarely mentioned, Mongolia is suffering its worst winter in 50yrs with heavy snow-falls. Herders have lost a staggering 4.7m livestock. Pray for these remote communities.

World Peace. Conflicts continue in Ukraine, Sudan & elsewhere. Tensions are high in the Red Sea & S. China Sea. Pray that God will change the hearts of Putin & other leaders bent on war.

Homegroups

Please see below details of some of the homegroups that meet during the week and contact details for each:

Monday 7:45pm at 104 Wheble Drive, contact - Alison Mullens - 07904039363.

Tuesday 1:45pm Daytime homegroup at St James, contact David Bagwell - davidgbagwell@gmail.com

Wednesday 9:45am Daytime homegroup at St James, contact Judith Hansford.

Wednesday 7:45pm various homes, contact Pete and Chris Clarke - 07742953071
peteandchris@talktalk.net

Wednesday 8.15 pm on Zoom , contact - Jane Fulford - 0776 494 7495
jane.fulford@btinternet.com

Wednesday 8pm weekly at 97 Reading Road. Contact Laurence or Hannah - laurence.smith@stjameswoodley.org

Thursday 8pm at 17 Harris Close, Woodley. Kelly Robinson and Jeremy Galpin are joint leaders and would love some new members.

Sunday 12:30pm Cantonese group meeting fortnightly.
Contact Eric or Phylis - 07394 139548